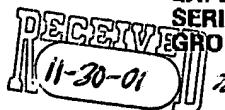


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Applicant(s): Masaki HIGURASHI et al

Serial No. : 08/964,180

Filed : November 4, 1997

For : IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS
FOR JOINING A PLURALITY OF
IMAGES

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed July 3, 2001,
the term for response to which is extended by two months by
Petition filed concurrently herewith to December 3, 2001, please
amend the present application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R.
1.116 as follows (see the attachment for details of the
amendment):

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 13, as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An image processing apparatus
comprising:

image input means for getting a plurality of image parts
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